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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY: NEXT STEPS

1. SUMMARY - ON NOVEMBER 13 DEPARTMENT INFORMED GDR, THROUGH THEIR UN MISSION, THAT US PREPARED BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR ADEQUATE US CHANCERY AND HOUSING FACILITIES IN EAST BERLIN. FULL US POSITION, EMBODIED IN "NON-PAPER", WAS HANDED TO EAST GERMANS. PAPER SPECIFIED MINIMUM US HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AND EXPRESSED OUR UNWILLINGNESS ACCEPT TEMPORARY CHANCERY SITE. EAST GERMANS UNDERTOOK TO
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REPORT US APPROACH TO EAST BERLIN AND PROVIDE REPLY TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (LEDSKY AND HOUSTON) CALLED AT

EAST GERMAN UN MISSION NOVEMBER 13, AND HAD HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH GDR MISSION REPRESENTATIVES HUECKE AND RISCH. US PRESENTATION WAS COUCHED IN TERMS OF PROVIDING GDR WITH REPORT OF US ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM'S AUGUST VISIT TO EAST BERLIN, AND SUGGESTING MEANS BY WHICH MOVEMENT TOWARD ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED. PRESENTATION WAS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING-POINTS PAPER, COPIES OF WHICH WERE GIVEN TO THE EAST GERMANS:

(A) THE UNITED STATES HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS STUDY OF THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM WHICH VISITED BERLIN IN LATE AUGUST. THIS STUDY HAS CONFIRMED THE UNSUITABILITY OF THE POTENTIAL CHANCERY SITES SHOWN TO US, PARTICULARLY IF OUR EMBASSY IS TO BE OPENED AT AN EARLY DATE.

(B) WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER AS A POSSIBLE SITE THE NEW STRUCTURE BEING ERECTED ON SCHADOWSTRASSE AT THE CORNER OF CLARA ZETKIN STRASSE, BUT ON CONDITION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE USE OF THIS ENTIRE BUILDING. WE WOULD ALSO NEED TO SEE DETAILED PLANS OF THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE AND REACH AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION DETAILS BEFORE A FINAL ANSWER ON THIS PROPERTY COULD BE GIVEN.

(C) IF THE ENTIRE SCHADOWSTRASSE PROPERTY CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE ON ACCEPTABLE TERMS, WE WOULD WANT TO BE SHOWN ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES FROM WHICH WE MIGHT SELECT OUR CHANCERY. WE WILL WANT TO INSPECT EACH BUILDING THOROUGHLY, SO THAT A DECISION CAN BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION AND THE NECESSARY RENOVATIONS. A BUILDING WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED ON A LIST OF SUCH PROPERTIES IS THE ONE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE AND FRANZOESISCHE STRASSE WHICH OUR TEAM SAW LAST AUGUST ONLY FROM THE OUTSIDE. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY
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ADVANTAGEOUS TO OBTAIN A BUILDING WHICH REQUIRES ONLY LIMITED REMODELING AND WOULD THEREFORE BE READY FOR EARLY OCCUPANCY.

(D) IT REMAINS OUR VIEW THAT WE WILL OPEN OUR EMBASSY ONLY WHEN PERMANENT QUARTERS ARE READY. WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO OCCUPY TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

(E) NO PROPERTY SHOWN TO OUR HOUSING TEAM IN AUGUST WAS DEEMED SUITABLE FOR USE AS AN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

(F) WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF FOREIGN MINISTER WINZER'S

EXPRESSION OF HOPE, COMMUNICATED TO SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AT THE UNITED NATIONS, THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO DO SO.

(G) IT IS OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT BEFORE SUBSTANTIVE TALKS ARE BEGUN, WE SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED ADEQUATE FACILITIES BOTH IN NUMBER AND QUALITY TO INSURE THAT OUR EMBASSY CAN FUNCTION. THIS MEANS AT A MINIMUM THE SELECTION, AND AGREEMENT ON REMODELING AND THE DATE OF OCCUPANCY OF (1) A SUITABLE CHANCERY BUILDING; (2) AN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE; (3) ADDITIONAL RESIDENCES FOR AT LEAST FIVE UNITED STATES OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND (4) APARTMENTS OR OTHER RESIDENCES SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY FOR AT LEAST TEN STAFF PERSONNEL.

(H) WE WILL AWAIT AN INDICATION FROM THE MISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN NEW YORK THAT ALL THE PROPERTIES MENTIONED ABOVE ARE READY FOR INSPECTION. IT WOULD THEN BE OUR WISH TO SEND SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM WASHINGTON TO BERLIN TO LOOK AT ALL THE PROPERTIES AT ONE TIME. OUR PERSONNEL NOW ATTACHED TO OUR MISSION IN BERLIN ARE ALSO PREPARED TO VISIT PROPERTIES, AS THEY ARE LOCATED AND IDENTIFIED TO US, AT ANY TIME.

(I) WE WISH TO REITERATE OUR READINESS TO ASSIST THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN IDENTIFYING PROPERTY FOR
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USE BY A FUTURE EMBASSY. PERSONNEL FROM BERLIN MAY TRAVEL AT ANY TIME TO THIS COUNTRY, IF THAT IS DETERMINED NECESSARY, TO INSPECT, PURCHASE OR LEASE SUITABLE PROPERTY IN THE WASHINGTON AREA, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT OCCUPANCY AND USE OF SUCH PROPERTY CANNOT OCCUR BEFORE UNITED STATES PERSONNEL OCCUPY CORRESPONDING PROPERTY IN BERLIN--THUS MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY.

3. IN DISCUSSING US PAPER, DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES MADE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS ORALLY: (A) THE US WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT PROPERTY EITHER FOR CHANCERY OR RESIDENTIAL USE IN THE NEW, WALLED ESPLANADE DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE IN EAST BERLIN; (B) THE RESIDENCE ON THE HEINRICHMANN PLATZ SHOWN TO OUR HOUSING TEAM IN AUGUST, WHILE UNSUITABLE FOR A US AMBASSADOR MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR A SENIOR US OFFICER; (C) PARAGRAPH (G) LISTING REPRESENTS ONLY MINIMUM US REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE STILL THINKING IN TERMS OF A STAFF OF BETWEEN 30 AND 40 AMERICANS. OUR FULL HOUSING REQUIREMENTS REMAIN AS DETAILED LAST AUGUST TO THE EAST GERMANS IN EAST BERLIN:

AN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH SIX BEDROOMS, A RESIDENCE FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION WITH FIVE BEDROOMS, RESIDENCES FOR NINE SENIOR UNITED STATES OFFICERS, EACH WITH FOUR BEDROOMS, ONE STAFF RESIDENCE WITH SIX BEDROOMS, FOURTEEN STAFF RESIDENCES, EACH WITH THREE BEDROOMS AND THIRTEEN STAFF APARTMENTS, EACH WITH TWO BEDROOMS.;

(D) SHOULD SINGLE PROPERTIES BE IDENTIFIED IN EAST BERLIN, THE GDR MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT MR. RICHARD BARKLEY, A USBER STAFF MEMBER, WHO COULD EXAMINE THE PROPERTY AND REPORT ON ITS SUITABILITY TO WASHINGTON. PERSONNEL FROM WASHINGTON WOULD BE SENT TO EAST BERLIN ONLY WHEN THE FULL LIST OF PROPERTIES REQUESTED HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AND A REPORT TO THAT EFFECT TRANSMITTED TO US THROUGH THE GDR'S MISSION IN NEW YORK; (E) IN TURN, MEMBERS OF THE EAST GERMAN STAFF IN NEW YORK MIGHT REQUEST PERMISSION TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO
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